FOR RELEASE Traer Star Clipper, City of Traer, Iowa

Lines Murphy & Company, P. L. C., of Osage today released an audit report on the City of Traer, Iowa.

The City's receipts totaled \$1,322,803 for the year ended June 30, 2009, a 46 percent decrease from 2008. The receipts included \$654,765 in property tax, \$311,524 from charges for service, \$133,179 from operating grants, \$92,810 from local option sales tax, \$22,421 from unrestricted investment earnings and \$108,104 from other general receipts. The Traer Enterprise Fund, Sewer receipts equaled \$1,798. Traer Municipal Utilities receipts totaled \$2,783,060. Traer Ambulance Service receipts totaled \$53,988.

City disbursements for the year totaled \$1,631,568, a 16.0 percent decrease from the prior year, and included \$221,407 for capital projects, \$359,911 for public works, \$273,554 for public safety and \$360,438 for debt service. Disbursements for the Traer Enterprise Fund, Sewer totaled \$64,385. Disbursements for Traer Municipal Utilities totaled \$2,536,758. Traer Ambulance Service disbursements equaled \$39,477.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and the City Clerk's office.

CITY OF TRAER

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2009

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Officials

		Term
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Expires
	(Before January 2009)	
	(201010 0411411) 2005)	
Russell L. Drinovsky	Mayor	Jan 2010
Mark A. Mason	Mayor Pro tem	Jan 2010
Patty Guzman	Council Member	Jan 2010
Lou Rausch	Council Member	Jan 2010
Jake Schmitt	Council Member	Jan 2012
Mark A. Mason	Council Member	Jan 2012
Raymond Mundt	Council Member	Jan 2012
Jon Panfil	City Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
Dorothy Weida	Deputy Clerk	Indefinite
Bruce Reinders	City Attorney	Indefinite
Bruce A. Overton	TMU Trustee/Chairman	Jan 2013
Daniel M. Larmore	TMU Trustee/Vice Chairman	Jan 2014
Joe Morris	TMU Trustee	Jan 2009
Sandra J. Whannel	TMU Trustee	Jan 2010
Richard Thompson	TMU Trustee	Jan 2012
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Pat Stief	General Manager	Indefinite
Jon Panfil	Office Manager	Indefinite
	(After January 2009)	
Russell L. Drinovsky	Mayor	Jan 2010
Mark A. Mason	Mayor Pro tem	Jan 2010
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Sandra J. Whannel	TMU Trustee	Jan 2010
Richard Thompson	TMU Trustee	Jan 2012
Joe Morris	TMU Trustee	Jan 2015
Pat Stief	General Manager	Indefinite
Jon Panfil	Office Manager	Indefinite

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Board of Trustees, Traer Municipal Utilities:

Osage, IA 50461-1307

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, the aggregate discretely presented component unit and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Traer, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Traer's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, the aggregate discretely presented component unit and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Traer as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2009 on our consideration of the City of Traer's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 21 through 23 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Traer's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the five years ended June 30, 2008 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Lines Murphy & Company, P. L. C.

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Certified Public Accountants

Osage, Iowa

October 15, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The City of Traer provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow.

The reader should consider that this Management's Discussion and Analysis places focus on the primary government and little focus, if any, on the component units.

2009 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Receipts of the City's governmental activities decreased 45.7%, or approximately \$1,116,000, from fiscal 2008 to fiscal 2009. Property tax increased approximately \$69,000 while bond proceeds and other general receipts decreased \$746,000 and \$433,000, respectively.
- Disbursements of the City's governmental activities decreased 1.6%, or approximately \$314,000, in fiscal 2009 from fiscal 2008. Community and economic development and capital projects decreased \$118,000 and \$298,000, respectively.
- The City's total cash basis net assets decreased 4.6%, or approximately \$125,000 from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Of this amount, the assets of the governmental activities decreased approximately \$155,000 and the assets of the business type activities increased approximately \$30,000.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the City's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Statement of Activities and Net Assets. This statement provides information about the activities of the City as a whole and presents an overall view of the City's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statement by providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the City's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

The City maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances is, "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information which helps answer this question.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets is divided into two kinds of activities:

- Governmental Activities include public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service and capital projects. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- Business Type Activities include electric, water, and the sewer system. These
 activities are financed primarily by user charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The City has two kinds of funds:

- 1) Governmental funds account for most of the City's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds, and the balances at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds, such as Road Use Tax and Local Option Sales Tax, 3) the Debt Service Fund and 4) the Capital Projects Fund. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs.
 - The required financial statements for governmental funds include a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.
- 2) Proprietary funds account for the City's Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to report business type activities. The City maintains four Enterprise Funds to provide separate information for the electric, water, sewer and City sewer funds, considered to be major funds of the City. At this time, three of the proprietary funds are maintained by the Traer Municipal Utilities and the City maintains the City sewer fund.

The required financial statement for proprietary funds is a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The City's cash balance for governmental activities decreased from a year ago, decreasing from \$1.487 million to \$1.332 million. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances for governmental activities.

	Year ended June 30,			30,
		2009		2008
Receipts:				
Program receipts:				
Charges for service	\$	312	\$	287
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest		134		137
General receipts:				
Property tax		655		586
Local option sales tax		93		91
Unrestricted investment earnings		22		52
Bond proceeds		-		746
Other general receipts		108		541
Total receipts		1,324		2,440
Disbursements:				
Public safety		274		241
Public works		360		348
Health and social services		7		g
Culture and recreation		168		181
Community and economic development		108		226
General government		133		132
Debt service		361		290
Capital projects		221		519
Total disbursements		1,632		1,946
Change in cash basis net assets before transfers		(308)		494
Transfers, net		153		(4
Change in cash basis net assets		(155)		490
Cash basis net assets beginning of year		1,487		99
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$	1,332	\$	1,48

The City's total receipts for governmental activities decreased by 45.7%, or approximately \$1,116,000. The total cost of all programs and services decreased by approximately \$314,000, or 1.6%, with no new programs added this year. The significant decrease in the receipts was primarily the result of proceeds received from the issuance of \$750,000 in G.O bonds in 2008.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$1.632 million compared to \$1.946 million last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets on pages 9-10, the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was \$1.187 million because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefited from the programs (\$312,000) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants, contributions and restricted interest (\$133,000). Overall the City's governmental activities program receipts, including intergovernmental aid and fees for service, increased in 2009 from approximately \$424,000 to approximately \$445,000, principally due to an increase in ambulance charges. The City paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of governmental activities (\$1,187,000) with taxes (some of which could only be used for certain programs) and other receipts, such as interest and general entitlements.

(Expressed in Thousand	•	Year ende	l June	30,
		2009 200		
Receipts				
Program receipts:				
Charges for service				
Electric	\$	2,263	\$	2,451
Water		368		382
Sewer		137		125
Sewer City		-		-
Capital grants, contributions and restricted interest		-		-
General receipts:				
Unrestricted interest on investments		16		40
Bond proceeds		-		-
Other general receipts				-
Total receipts		2,784		2,998
Disbursements:				
Electric		2,017		2,176
Water		360		341
Sewer		160		94
Sewer City		64		64
Total disbursements		2,601		2,675
Change in cash basis net assets before transfers		183		323
Transfers, net		(153)		4
Change in cash basis net assets		30		327
Cash basis net assets beginning of year		1,234		907
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$	1,264	\$	1,234

The total business type activities receipts for the fiscal year were \$2.784 million compared to \$2.998 million last year. This decrease was due primarily to the closing of a major employer within the City. The cash balance increased by approximately \$30,000 from the prior year.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND ANALYSIS

As the City of Traer completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,331,569, a decrease of approximately \$156,000 below last year's total of \$1,487,087. The following is the major reason for the changes in fund balances of the major funds from the prior year.

• The Capital Project fund balance decreased by \$199,655 from the prior year to \$400,755. The decrease was the result of the completion of street improvements.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the City amended its budget one time, increasing budgeted expenditures by \$25,000. The amendment was approved on May 4, 2009 to provide for additional disbursements in certain City departments. The city had sufficient cash balances to absorb these additional costs.

The City's receipts were \$110,340 less than budgeted. This was primarily due to the City receiving less than anticipated in intergovernmental receipts.

The City's budgeted disbursements did not exceed actual disbursements. Actual disbursements in Capital Projects were \$378,593 less than the amended budget. This was primarily due the City delaying expenditures for various capital projects.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2009, the City and Utilities had approximately \$4,399,000 in bonds and other long-term debt, compared to approximately \$4,833,000 last year, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt (Expressed in Th		
	June	30,
	2009	2008
General obligation bonds	\$ 2,130	2,395
Component Unit bonds/notes	1,632	1,765
State revolving loan	 637	673
Total	\$ 4.399	4,833

Debt decreased as a result of scheduled payments made during the fiscal year. The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt cities can issue to 5% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City's corporate limits. The City's outstanding general obligation debt of \$2,130,000 is below its constitutional debt limit of \$3.892 million.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The City of Traer's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2010 budget, tax rates and fees that will be charged for various City activities. The City Council was facing continued state funding cutbacks, as well as another decrease in the "residential rollback", which affects the taxable value of properties in the city.

Taxable value in the City of Traer increased 2.7%, from \$41.965 million to \$43.102 million. The tax rate for FY10 was unchanged from FY09 (\$15.733). Tax revenues were budgeted to increase approximately \$17,000 in FY10, and total revenues were projected to increase approximately \$42,000. Expenditures were projected to decrease by about \$90,000. Overall, cash balances were expected to decrease by \$400,000, as street improvements would continue to use the funds borrowed in prior years.

The Traer Municipal Utilities Board approved a budget with overall revenues up by \$120,000. This is the result of a three year rate increase approved in 2008. Overall cash balances were projected to decrease by \$60,000, due to the increased costs of purchased power. In August of 2009, TMU Board approved a rate decrease for 2010 and 2011, due to a new purchased power contract.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jon Panfil, City Clerk, 649 Second Street, City of Traer, Iowa 50675.

City of Traer

Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash Basis

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2009

				Program Receipts	
	Dis	bursements	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions, and Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest
Functions / Programs:					
Governmental activities:					
Public safety	\$	273,554	148,647	-	-
Public works		359,911	140,198	132,254	-
Health and social services		7,302	6,029	-	=
Culture and recreation		168,456	10,322	925	-
Community and economic development		107,527	-	-	-
General government		132,973	6,328	-	-
Debt service		360,438	-	-	-
Capital projects		221,407	-	-	-
Total governmental activities		1,631,568	311,524	133,179	
Business type activities:					
Electric		2,016,899	2,263,337	-	-
Water		359,698	368,072	-	-
Sewer		160,161	136,935	-	-
Sewer City		64,385	-	-	-
Total business type activities		2,601,143	2,768,344	-	-
Component unit: Traer Ambulance Services		39,477	32,506	20,282	-
Total component units		39,477	32,506	20,282	-
Total	\$	4,272,188	3,112,374	153,461	
General Receipts	_				

General Receipts:

Property tax levied for:

General purposes

Tax increment financing

Debt service

Local option sales tax

Unrestricted interest on investments

Bond proceeds

Miscellaneous

Transfers

Total general receipts and transfers

Change in cash basis net assets

Cash basis net assets beginning of year

Cash basis net assets end of year

Cash Basis Net Assets

Restricted:

Capital projects

Debt service

Unrestricted

Total cash basis net assets

See notes to financial statements.

	bursements) Receip s in Cash Basis Net		Aggregate Discretely
Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total	Presented Component Unit
(124,907)	_	(124,907)	-
(87,459)	-	(87,459)	
(1,273)	-	(1,273)	•
(157,209)	-	(157,209)	-
(107,527)	-	(107,527)	
(126,645)	-	(126,645)	
(360,438)	-	(360,438)	•
(221,407)		(221,407)	
(1,186,865)		(1,186,865)	
	246.400	046 400	
-	246,438	246,438	
-	8,374	8,374	
-	(23,226)	(23,226)	
	(64,385)	(64,385)	
	167,201	167,201	12 21
			13,31
/1 196 965)	167,201	(1,019,664)	13,31
(1,186,865)	107,201	(1,019,004)	10,01
487,471	-	487,471	
-	-	-	
167,294	-	167,294	
92,810	-	92,810	
22,421	16,514	38,935	1,20
-	-	-	
108,104	-	108,104	
153,247	(153,247)		
1,031,347	(136,733)	894,614	1,200
(155,518)	30,468	(125,050)	14,51
1,487,087	1,233,825	2,720,912	55,878
1,331,569	1,264,293	2,595,862	70,389
400755		400,755	
\$ 400,755	170 079	179,990	
930 802	179,978 1 084 315	2,015,117	70,389
930,802 \$ 1,331,569	1,084,315 1,264,293	2,595,862	70,38

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances Governmental Funds

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2009

	General
Receipts:	
Property tax	\$ 487,471
Tax increment financing collections	-
Other city tax	8,176
Licenses and permits	3,250
Use of money and property	12,264
Intergovernmental	64,487
Charges for service	308,275
Miscellaneous	<u>36,365</u>
Total receipts	920,288
Disbursements:	
Operating:	
Public safety	273,554
Public works	167,000
Health and social services	7,302
Culture and recreation	168,456
Community and economic development	43,304
General government	132,973
Debt service	-
Capital projects	
Total disbursements	792,589
Excess (deficiency) of receipts	
over (under) disbursements	127,699
Other financing sources (uses):	
Operating transfers in	104,381
Operating transfers out	(199,141)
Bond proceeds	<u> </u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	(94,760)
Net change in cash balances	32,939
Cash balances beginning of year	758,605
Cash balances end of year	\$ 791,544
Cash Basis Fund Balances	
Reserved:	
Debt service	\$ -
Unreserved:	
General fund	791,544
Special revenue funds	-
Capital projects fund	<u> </u>
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 791,544

Exhibit B

	Other Nonmajor Governmental	(Special Revenue Road
	Funds	01	Data	
Total	LOST	Capital	Debt	Use
10021	<u> </u>	Projects	Service	<u>Tax</u>
654,765	-	-	167,294	-
100 006	- 00.810	-	=	-
100,986 3,250	92,810	-	-	-
22,421	•	9,656	501	-
196,741	<u>-</u>	9,030	301	120.054
308,275	- -	•	-	132,254
36,365	•	•	-	-
1,322,803	92,810	9,656	167,795	132,254
1,022,803	92,810	9,030	107,795	132,254
273,554	-	-	-	-
359,911	-	-	-	192,911
7,302	-	-	-	•
168,456	-	•	-	-
107,527	64,223	•	-	-
132,973	•	-	-	-
360,438		-	360,438	-
221,407	-	221,407	-	-
1,631,568	64,223	221,407	360,438	192,911
(308,765)	28,587	(211,751)	(192,643)	(60,657)
356,244	_	12,096	179,110	60,657
(202,997)	(3,856)	-	-	· -
153,247	(3,856)	12,096	179,110	60,657
(155,518)	24,731	(199,655)	(13,533)	-
1,487,087	114,527	600,410	13,545	
1,331,569	139,258	400,755	12	-
12	-	-	12	-
791,544	-	-	-	-
139,258	139,258	=	-	-
400,755	•	400,755	<u> </u>	
1,331,569	139,258	400,755	12	-

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances Proprietary Funds

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2009

	Enterprise Funds					
		Traer Munici	pal Utilities		City	
	Electric	Water	Sewer	Sub-Total	Sewer	Total
Operating receipts: Charges for service	\$ 2,263,337	368,072	136,935	2,768,344	-	2,768,344
Operating disbursements: Business type activities	1,857,772	308,044	160,161	2,325,977	_	2,325,977
Excess (deficiency) of operating receipts over (under) operating disbursements	405,565	60,028	(23,226)	442,367		442,367
Non-operating receipts (disbursements): Interest on investments	8,646	4,965	1,105	14,716	1,798	16,514
Intergovernmental Debt Service	(159,127	(51,654)		(210,781)	(64,385)	(275,166)
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	(150,48)	(46,689)	1,105	(196,065)	(62,587)	(258,652)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under)						
disbursements	255,084	13,339	(22,121)	246,302	(62,587)	183,715
Operating transfers in	3,276	4,478	-	7,754	45,616	53,370
Operating transfers out	(108,248	3) (39,483)	(58,886)	(206,617)		(206,617)
Net operating transfers	(104,972	(35,005)	(58,886)	(198,863)	45,616	(153,247)
Net change in cash balances	150,112	(21,666)	(81,007)	47,439	(16,971)	30,468
Cash balances beginning of year	805,919	175,858	119,213	1,100,990	132,835	1,233,825
Cash balances end of year	\$ 956,03	154,192	38,206	1,148,429	115,864	1,264,293
Cash Basis Fund Balances						
Reserved for debt service	\$ 17,248	3 46,866	-	64,114	115,864	179,978
Unreserved	938,783	107,326	38,206	1,084,315		1,084,315
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 956,03	154,192	38,206	1,148,429	115,864	1,264,293

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Traer is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Tama County. It was first incorporated in 1873 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens, including public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, and general government services.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City of Traer has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.

These government financial statements present the City of Traer (the primary government), the Traer Municipal Utility (its' enterprise funds), and the Traer Ambulance Service (its' component unit). The component unit discussed below is included in the City's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the City.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

Traer Ambulance Service is presented in a separate column to emphasize that it is a legally separate entity, but is financially accountable to the City, or whose relationship with the City is such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Traer Ambulance Service is a not-for-profit organization. Most revenues are generated from private donations given by individuals and businesses in the area.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Tama County Assessor's Conference Board, City Assessor's Conference Board, Tama County Emergency Management Commission, Tama County Landfill Commission and Tama County Joint E911 Service Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's nonfiduciary net assets. Net assets are reported in two categories:

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax receipts and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Road Use Tax Fund is used to account for road construction and maintenance.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the City's general obligation long-term debt.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the new development of various capital projects.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Electric Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's electrical and telecommunications system.

The Water Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's waste water treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Sewer Fund for the City accounts for principal and interest payments of the Sewer Revenue Bonds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City of Traer maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general receipts. Thus, when program disbursements are paid, there are both restricted and unrestricted cash basis net assets available to finance the program. It is the City's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants and then by general receipts.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2009, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted.

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits in banks at June 30, 2009 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

In addition, the City and Traer Municipal Utilities had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, which are valued at an amortized amount of \$1,243,427 and \$1,060,210 respectively, pursuant to rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Also, the City of Traer has invested \$15,000 in U. S. Treasury Series HH Savings Bonds.

Interest rate risk - The City's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the City.

<u>Credit risk</u> – The City's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

(3) Note Receivable

The City of Traer has entered into a 28E agreement with its component unit Traer Municipal Utilities, the Traer Development Corporation and the Traer Chamber of Commerce, Inc. The purpose of this agreement is to acquire, finance and develop real estate ("Prairie West Fourth and Fifth Additions") and to then market the developed lots to the general public in order to promote the economic development of the City of Traer, Iowa. The City paid for the construction of streets, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and other related improvements in and around "Prairie West Fourth and Fifth Additions" in the amount of approximately \$1,700,000. The City has received a non-interest bearing mortgage note from the Traer Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for \$1,700,000. The balance on this mortgage note receivable as of June 30, 2009 was \$1,525,128. Payments received during the year ended June 30, 2009 were \$15,070, and expenses related to the lots were \$0. This is a non-recourse note, payable upon demand by the City. Proceeds from the sale of residential lots are expected to be used for repayment.

(4) Bonds and Notes Payable

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds/notes and the state revolving loan are as follows:

Year Ending		General Obligation Bonds		Reve: Bonds/		Sta Revol Loa	v in g	Tot	al
June 30,		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2010	\$	275,000	87,231	139,063	72,854	37,000	26,390	451,063	186,475
2011		200,000	76,187	145,516	67,441	39,000	24,851	384,516	168,479
2012		225,000	68,782	152,041	61,487	41,000	23,239	418,041	153,508
2013		220,000	60,546	158,644	55,085	43,000	21,541	421,644	137,172
2014		225,000	51,870	165,326	48,278	44,000	19,757	434,326	119,905
2015-2019		985,000	123,032	784,957	121,692	250,000	69,699	2,019,957	314,423
2020-2023			-	86,279	6,261	183,000	15,723	269,279	21,984
Total	\$	2.130.000	467,648	1,631,826	433,098	637,000	201,200	4,398,826	1,101,946

The Code of Iowa requires principal and interest on general obligation bonds be paid from the Debt Service Fund.

The resolutions providing for the issuance of the revenue bonds/notes include the following provisions.

(a) The bonds/notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the bonds/notes holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the funds.

- (b) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to separate electric, water and sewer bond sinking accounts within the Enterprise Funds for the purpose of making the bonds/notes principal and interest payments when due.
- (c) Additional monthly transfers shall also be made to the electric, water and sewer reserve accounts to accumulate amounts equal to the maximum principal and interest due in any succeeding fiscal year. These accounts are restricted for the purpose of paying for any additional improvements, extensions or repairs to the system.

(5) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City and the Utilities contribute to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS. P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Most regular plan members are required to contribute 4.1% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 6.35% of covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the City contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City and the Utilities contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$42,327, \$43,064 and \$37,663, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(6) Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until used or paid. The City's approximate liability for earned vacation and sick leave termination payments payable to employees at June 30, 2009, primarily relating to the General Fund, is as follows:

Type of Benefit	Amount
Vacation Sick leave	\$ 7,389 662
Total	<u>\$ 8,051</u>

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2009.

The Utilities' approximate liability for earned vacation and sick leave payments payable to employees at June 30, 2009 is as follows:

Type of Benefit	Amount
Vacation	\$ 41,790
Sick leave	2,549
Total	<u>\$ 44,339</u>

(7) Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2009 is as follows:

Transfer to	Transfer from	<u>Amount</u>
Special Revenue: Road Use Tax	General	\$ 60,657
Debt Service	General	84,628
Capital Projects	General	12,096
City Sewer	General	41,760
City Sewer	Special Revenue: Local Option Sales Tax	3,856
Debt Service	TMU	94,482
General	TMU	104,381
Total		\$ 401,860

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to disburse the resources.

(8) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(9) Contingent Liabilities

The City of Traer is in the process of an environmental contamination cleanup. The costs associated with this cleanup cannot be estimated at this time, as this is an ongoing project. Total costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 were \$0 of which \$0 has been reimbursed by a state agency. Net costs to the City of Traer for June 30, 2009 were \$0.

(10) Tama County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

The City in conjunction with other municipalities in Tama County has created the Tama County Solid Waste Disposal Commission. The Commission was established for the primary purpose of providing for the collection and disposal of solid waste produced or generated by each participant. On dissolution of the corporation, the net assets of the Commission will be prorated among the municipalities. The Commission is governed by a board composed of an elected representative of the governing body of each participating governmental jurisdiction. The Commission has accumulated \$788,066 for closure/post closure expenditures. However, the Commission may not be accumulating sufficient financial resources and the participating governments may be obligated for a proportionate share of the debt, therefore, the City of Traer may have an ongoing financial responsibility. The City is also obligated to remit a share of the operating and administration costs. During the year ended June 30, 2009 the City of Traer paid the Tama County Solid Waste Disposal Commission \$8,767. The Commission is then responsible for paying all landfill fees for the City's share of the cost. Completed financial statements for the

Commission can be obtained from the Tama County Solid Waste Disposal Commission.

(11) Interdepartmental Loans

Water Control Project

The Enterprise Fund, Electric Utilities has loaned the Enterprise Fund, Water Utility \$60,000 for the water control project. This loan is a non-interest bearing note, payable from the revenue of the water fund. No payment schedule has been established.

(12) Related Party Transactions

The City had business transactions between the City and City officials totaling \$27,404 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

(13) Subsequent Events

On September 8, 2009, the City approved a contract for \$23,870 with Pospisil Painting to paint the pool. The City will use Local Option Tax Funds for this purpose.

On September 14, 2009, the City and the Utility approved an agreement with Traer Development Corp. to contribute \$35,000 and \$10,000, respectively, as well as pay one half of necessary annual debt service on a \$50,000 loan for farm land swapped for land in the Industrial Park to be used for future development.

(14) Component Unit Detail

The Traer Ambulance Service is a component unit of the City of Traer. The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances for the year ended June 30, 2009 are as follows:

		Traer nbulance Service
Operating receipts:		
Intergovernmental	\$	32,506
Miscellaneous		20,282
General receipts:		
Unrestricted interest on investments		1,200
Total receipts	_	53,988
Operating disbursements:		
Public safety	_	39,477
Net change in cash balance		14,511
Cash balance beginning of year	_	55,878
Cash balance end of year	\$	70,389

City paid to Ambulance Service

Meetings and calls

<u>36,136</u>

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Balances – Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) – All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2009

	Gov	ernmental Funds Actual	Proprietary Funds Actual
Desciptor			
Receipts:	\$	654,765	_
Property tax	Ф	034,703	_
Tax increment financing collections		100,986	<u>-</u>
Other city tax		3,250	-
Licenses and permits		3,230 22,421	16,514
Use of money and property		•	10,514
Intergovernmental		196,741	0.760.244
Charges for service		308,275	2,768,344
Miscellaneous		36,365	0.704.050
Total receipts		1,322,803	2,784,858
Disbursements:		070 554	
Public safety		273,554	-
Public works		359,911	-
Health and social services		7,302	-
Culture and recreation		168,456	•
Community and economic development		107,527	-
General government		132,973	-
Debt service		360,438	-
Capital projects		221,407	-
Business type activities			2,601,143
Total disbursements		1,631,568	2,601,143
Excess (deficiency) of receipts			
over (under) disbursements		(308,765)	183,715
		150 045	(150.045)
Other financing sources, net		153,247	(153,247)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing			
sources over (under) disbursements and other			
financing uses		(155,518)	30,468
		\ -	
Balances beginning of year		1,487,087	1,233,825
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Balances end of year	\$	1,331,569	1,264,293

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

	Budgeted	Amounts	Final to Net			
Net	Original	Variance				
654,765	657,719	657,719	(2,954)			
100,986	93,142	93,142	7,844			
3,250	5,150	5,150	(1,900)			
38,935	45,250	45,250	(6,315)			
196,741	344,850	344,850	(148,109)			
3,076,619	3,035,890	3,035,890	40,729			
36,365	36,000	36,000	365			
4,107,661	4,218,001	4,218,001	(110,340)			
273,554	281,934	286,934	13,380			
359,911	368,158	378,158	18,247			
7,302	9,160	9,160	1,858			
168,456	164,586	169,586	1,130			
107,527	152,425	152,425	44,898			
132,973	135,208	140,208	7,235			
360,438	424,878	424,878	64,440			
221,407	600,000	600,000	378,593			
2,601,143	2,801,590	2,801,590	200,447			
4,232,711	4,937,939	4,962,939	730,228			
(125,050)	(719,938)	(744,938)	619,888			
	70,000	70,000	(70,000)			
(125,050)	(649,938)	(674,938)	549,888			
2,720,912	2,560,939	2,560,939	159,973			
2,595,862	1,911,001	1,886,001	709,861			

Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2009

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects, and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund and the Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$25,000. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2009, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted.



City of Traer

Schedule of Indebtedness

Year ended June 30, 2009

			Amou	ınt	
	Date of	Interest	Origin	ally	
Obligation	Issue	Rates	Issu	Issued	
General obligation bonds:					
Series 2000	May 15, 2000	4.9-5.5%	\$ 400	,000	
Series 2001	May 1, 2001	4.0-4.7%	300	,000	
Series 2003	Aug 1, 2003	1.75-3.9%	500	,000	
Series 2005	Jun 1, 2005	2.95-4.20%	1,250	,000	
Series 2007	Aug 20, 2007	3.9-4.3%	750	,000	
Total					
Revenue notes:					
Electric Capital Loan Note	May 1, 2003	2.5-4.7%	\$ 1,750	,000	
Revenue bonds:					
FMHA Water Bond	Dec 14, 1981	5.00%	\$ 871	,200	
Total					
State revolving loans:					
2001 Sewer Revenue Bond	Aug 3, 2001	4.30%	\$ 757	,000	
2003 Sewer Revenue Bond	Aug 5, 2003	4.30%	101	,000	

Total

Schedule 1

Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Balance		Interest
Beginning	During	During	End of	Interest	Due and
of Year	Year	Year	Year	Paid	Unpaid
70,000		35,000	35,000	3,850	_
95,000	-	50,000	45,000	4,415	_
•	-	· ·	•	=	-
380,000	-	40,000	340,000	13,135	•
1,100,000	-	90,000	1,010,000	41,337	-
750,000	-	50,000	700,000	30,801	-
\$ 2,395,000	-	265,000	2,130,000	93,538	-
1,285,000 479,728	- -	105,000 27,902	1,180,000 451,826	53,728 23,752	-
\$ 1,764,728		132,902	1,631,826	77,480	<u>-</u>
592,000 81,000	-	32,000 4,000	560,000 77,000	25,456 2,430	-
\$ 673,000		36,000	637,000	27,886	-

Bond and Note Maturities

June 30, 2009

							Genera	<u> 1 O</u>	oligation Bo	nds							
	Series 2000				Serio 200		Serie 200		-		ries 005		-	ries 007			
Year	issued	ued May 15, 2000 Issued May 1, 2001				Issued Aug 1, 2003			Issued Ju	ıne	1, 2005	Issued A	lugi	ıst 20, 2007			
Ending June 30,	Interest Rates		Amount	Interest Rates	Α	mount	interest Rates	f	Amount	Interest Rates		Amount	Interest Rates		Amount	_	Total
2010	5.50%	\$	35,000	4.70%	\$	45,000	3.00%	\$	40,000	3.30%	\$	100,000	3.95%	\$	55,000	\$	275,000
2011			-			-	3.20%		45,000	3.40%		95,000	4.00%		60,000		200,000
2012			-			-	3.40%		45,000	3.55%		115,000	4.00%		65,000		225,000
2013			-			-	3.60%		50,000	3.65%		100,000	4.05%		70,000		220,000
2014			-			-	3.70%		50,000	3.80%		105,000	4.10%		70,000		225,000
2015						_	3.80%		55,000	3.90%		100,000	4.13%		75,000		230,000
2016			-				3.90%		55,000	4.00%		100,000	4.15%		75,000		230,000
2017			-			-			•	4.10%		100,000	4.20%		80,000		180,000
2018			-			-			-	4.15%		100,000	4.25%		85,000		185,000
2019			-			-			-	4.20%		95,000	4.30%		65,000		160,000
Total		\$	35,000		<u>s</u>	45,000		\$	340,000		\$	1,010,000		\$	700,000	\$	2,130,000

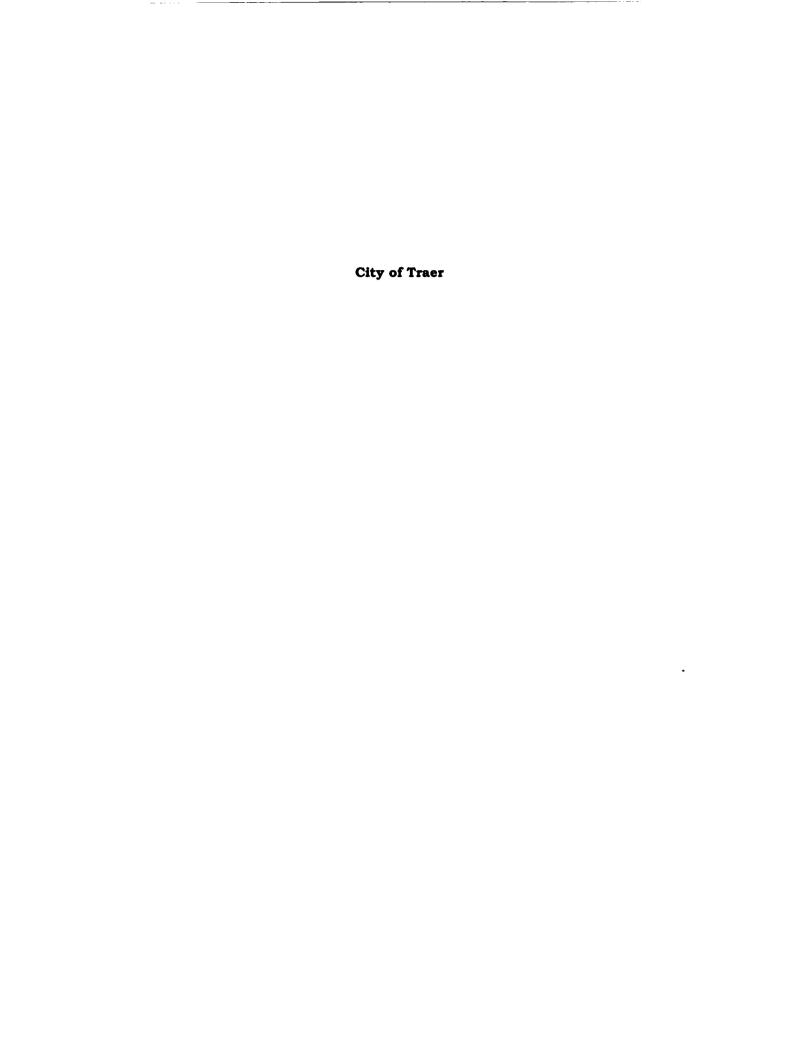
	Revenue Bonds/Notes							Revenue Loans								
			Capital Note	Reve	nuc	Bond			Sta Revolvir		oan	State Revolving		an		
	Electric	c Se	Series 2003 FMHA Water Bond						2001	Sew	er	2003 Se	we	<u>r</u>		
Year	Issued	Ma	y 1,2003	Issued .	Jan	1, 1982			Issued Au	g 3,	, 2001	Issued Aug	5, 2	2003		
Ending June 30	Interest Rates		Amount	Interest Rates	A	mount	_	Total	Interest Rates		Amount	Interest Rates	A	mount		Total
2010	3.60%	\$	110,000	5.00%	\$	29,063	\$	139,063	4.30%	\$	33,000	3.00%	\$	4,000	\$	37,000
2011	3.85%		115,000	5.00%		30,516		145,516	4.30%		34,000	3.00%		5,000		39,000
2012	4.00%		120,000	5.00%		32,041		152,041	4.30%		36,000	3.00%		5,000		41,000
2013	4.10%		125,000	5.00%		33,644		158,644	4.30%		38,000	3.00%		5,000		43,000
2014	4.25%		130,000	5.00%		35,326		165,326	4.30%		39,000	3.00%		5,000		44,000
2015	4.40%		135,000	5.00%		37,092		172,092	4.30%		41,000	3.00%		5,000		46,000
2016	4.50%		140,000	5.00%		38,947		178,947	4.30%		43,000	3.00%		5,000		48,000
2017	4.60%		150,000	5.00%		40,894		190,894	4.30%		44,000	3.00%		6,000		50,000
2018	4.70%		155,000	5.00%		42,939		197,939	4.30%		46,000	3.00%		6,000		52,000
2019			-	5.00%		45,086		45,086	4.30%		48,000	3.00%		6,000		54,000
2020			-	5.00%		47,340		47,340	4.30%		50,000	3.00%		6,000		56,000
2021			-	5.00%		38,938		38,938	4.30%		53,000	3.00%		6,000		59,000
2022			-			-		-	4.30%		55,000	3.00%		6,000		61,000
2023			-					-			-	3.00%		7,000		7,000
Total		\$	1,180,000		\$	451,826	\$	1,631,826		\$	560,000		\$	77,000	\$	637,000

City of Traer

Schedule of Receipts By Source and Disbursements By Function - All Governmental Funds

For the Last Six Years

	2009		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Receipts:							
Property tax	\$	654,765	586,025	529,737	488,081	466,425	450,358
Tax increment financing collections		-	•	38,387	30,519	27,954	7,978
Other city tax		100,986	99,065	98,890	85,221	82,107	67,751
Licenses and permits		3,250	560	1,157	1,688	2,064	2,154
Use of money and property		22,421	52,548	48,317	21,673	26,655	18,604
Intergovernmental		196,741	634,435	658,826	293,987	521,023	289,983
Charges for service		308,275	286,166	275,814	267,246	122,712	214,406
Miscellaneous		36,365	36,541	117,090	353,987	191,957	447,982
Total	\$	1,322,803	1,695,340	1,768,218	1,542,402	1,440,897	1,499,216
Disbursements:							
Operating:							
Public safety	\$	273,554	241,390	238,436	277,207	243,189	159,791
Public works		359,911	348,085	332,536	343,485	355,075	310,259
Health and social services		7,302	9,469	9,163	7,882	7,518	4,693
Culture and recreation		168,456	181,152	153,465	156,602	167,091	140,266
Community and economic development		107,527	226,156	131,431	104,266	161,551	98,216
General government		132,973	131,735	134,765	139,770	142,528	151,884
Debt service		360,438	290,524	321,710	245,761	209,824	205,107
Capital projects		221,407	518,952	550,686	1,711,090	370,740	1,465,379
Total	\$	1,631,568	1,947,463	1,872,192	2,986,063	1,657,516	2,535,595



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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Board of Trustees, Traer Municipal Utilities:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Traer, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2009. Our report expressed unqualified opinions on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Traer's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Traer's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Traer's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies, including a deficiency we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City of Traer's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of the City of Traer's financial statements that is more that inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City of Traer's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City of Traer's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe item II-A-09 is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Traer's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part III of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2009 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

The City of Traer's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the City's responses, we did not audit the City of Traer's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Traer; the officials, employees and customers of the Traer Municipal Utilities and other parties to whom the City of Traer and the Traer Municipal Utilities may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Traer, the Traer Municipal Utilities, and the Traer Ambulance Service during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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Osage, Iowa

October 15, 2009

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditors' Results:

- (a) Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- (b) Reportable conditions in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements, including a material weakness.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

II-A-09 Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. The cash receipts listing, bank deposits and the posting of the cash receipts to the cash receipts journal are all done by the same person.

<u>Recommendation</u> – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of office employees. However, the City and the Utility should review control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will consider this.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response acknowledged. The City and Utility should segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and utilize administrative personnel to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part III: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- III-A-09 <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2009 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- III-B-09 <u>Ouestionable Disbursements</u> No disbursements were noted that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in the Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- III-C-09 <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.
- III-D-09 <u>Business Transactions</u> Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees are detailed as follows:

Name, Title, and Business Connection	Transaction Description	Amount
Jake Schmitt, Part Owner of Wieck Brothers Oil Company, Council Member	Gasoline and diesel	\$ 27,404

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(10) of the Code of Iowa, this amount appears to represent a conflict of interest. The amount is over \$1,500 and bids were not taken.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should consult legal counsel to determine the disposition of this matter.

Response – Purchases from Wieck Brothers Oil are day-to-day fuel purchases for the City, TMU, Fire Department and Ambulance vehicles. There are three gas stations in town, and a rotating schedule is used to purchase fuel from all three stations. We do not feel this is a conflict of interest.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should still consult legal counsel to determine the disposition of this matter.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

III-E-09 Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

III-F-09 <u>Council Minutes</u> – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Council and Board minutes but were not.

Although minutes of Council proceedings were published, they were not always published within fifteen days as required by Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa.

Recommendation - The City should publish minutes as required.

Response – We will continue to make every effort to publish minutes on a timely basis. However, with a local paper that is published only once per week, with a cutoff 3 days before publication, it is sometimes difficult to get all minutes published within the 15 days.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The City should make every effort to publish minutes timely as required by Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

- III-G-09 <u>Deposits and Investments</u> No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the City's investment policy were noted.
- III-H-09 Revenue Bonds and Notes No instances of non-compliance with the revenue bond and note resolution were noted.
- III-I-09 Employee Benefits Levy Chapters 384 and 403 of the Code of Iowa state, in part, that the employee benefits levy should be recorded in a separate Special Revenue Fund. The City is recording the employee benefits tax levy in the General Fund.

<u>Recommendation</u> – Collections from the employee benefits tax levy should be recorded in separate Special Revenue Funds in accordance with Chapters 384 and 403 of the Code of Iowa.

Response – The City will review their fund structure.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

III-J-09 <u>Discriminatory Rates</u> – We noted that the City charges two rates for garbage based on age. Chapter 388.6 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, that there cannot be special rates based on discriminatory factors. (senior citizens)

Recommendation - The City should consult legal counsel about this issue.

Response – The City will consult legal counsel.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

III-K-09 Outstanding Checks - Unclaimed property per Chapter 556.1(10) of the Code of Iowa has not been reported to the State Treasurer as required.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should comply with Chapter 556.1(10) of the Code of Iowa.

Response - We will do so.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

III-L-09 <u>Authorized Check Signers</u> – A former council member and former trustee have not been removed as authorized check signers per the Bank Signature Cards.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should update the bank with those authorized to sign checks.

Response - We will do so.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

III-M-09 <u>Undeposited Funds</u> – The City held a Disaster grant check for \$3,118 at year-end that was subsequently deposited in FY 2010.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The City should never hold checks and always deposit funds as they are received.

Response - We will do so.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.